

investigation, basic sniper training, basic SWAT training, civil rights training, instructor development certification, crimes against children training, and terrorism training. The Field Office has also sponsored police officers and police executives for advanced training schools at the FBI laboratory, the FBI academy, and international locations.

Special Agent in Charge (SAC) Debra K. Mack heads this office of more than 110 agent and professional support personnel. SAC Mack has oversight of all of the FBI's operational, investigative, and administrative matters as well as the technical operations and financial issues for the 36 counties comprising the southern half of the state of Alabama. In 2007, SAC Mack was inducted into the Louisiana Justice Hall of Fame, becoming the first ever FBI Special Agent to receive this honor.

The Mobile FBI Field Office has worked hard to protect the people of southwest Alabama. Its partnerships with municipal, county, and state law enforcement offices have resulted in the apprehension of drug-dealers, online child predators, kidnappers, fraudsters, and the forfeiture of assets in the millions of dollars.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in congratulating SAC Mack and all of those at the Mobile FBI Field Office on the FBI's 100th anniversary. For all their accomplishments, I extend my heartfelt thanks for their continued service to the people of Alabama and the First Congressional District.

RECOGNIZING THE
CONTRIBUTIONS OF ED SNYDER

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2008

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Denton City Attorney Ed Snyder and his years of dedication and service to Denton, Texas. Ed has been with the City of Denton for 8 1/2 years and will retire June 30, 2008.

After 31 years of practicing law, Ed has decided to pursue his dream to be a coach and will begin a new career as a teacher and coach. Ed began his career in Denton in October 1999 as Deputy City Attorney. In 2005 the Denton City Council appointed him City Attorney. Under his leadership, Denton was able to accomplish many goals, including the adoption and implementation of a new comprehensive plan and development code.

Prior to working in Denton Ed was in private practice from 1977 to 1982, then Assistant City Attorney for Temple, Texas from 1982 to 1983. From 1983 to 1997 Ed served as First Assistant City Attorney for Plano, and returned to private practice from 1997 to 1999 before joining the City of Denton. Ed holds a Bachelor of Science in Education degree from Central Michigan University, and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of San Diego School of Law.

Ed is a member of the State Bar of Texas and State Bar of Michigan. He has practiced before the United States District Court and is a member of the Denton County Bar Association. In the summer of 1999 Ed was published in *The Urban Lawyer* for his article: A Condemnation Case from the Condemnor's Per-

spective. In 2001 Ed was awarded the prestigious Galen Sparks Texas Assistant City Attorney of the Year Award, given by the Texas City Attorneys Association.

Madam Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today and recognize Ed Snyder for his years of hard work and dedication to the citizens of Denton County and the state of Texas. I am proud to represent him in the United States Congress. His service has set a standard of devotion and true leadership—one that will never be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HUNTING HILLS SWIM CLUB

HON. ELLJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2008

Mr. CUMMINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Hunting Hills Swim Club as they mark their 50th anniversary on June 14, 2008. Thanks to the generous donation by the Amos and Gundry families a patch of land that once was the home to pig farming, is now a local institution and home of the Hunting Hills Hammerheads.

In 1958, the pool opened for business as members agreed to foot the cost of the club by purchasing a bond that made them co-owners of the pool. It was one of the first bond-financed pools in Maryland. Today, bond-membership pools are the norm. Hunting Hills Swim Club helped establish that trend.

Recently the pool itself began showing its age. Undaunted by the time and cost needed to set things right, members agreed to take the plunge and rebuild the main pool and the baby pool. The perimeters of each were excavated. New pipes, skimmers and pumps were installed. The interiors were resurfaced and a new diving board was erected. Today, the pool looks better than ever.

More than 300 families are now members of the pool. They come from near and far—from Baltimore City, from Catonsville, from Ellicott City and elsewhere—to cool off and meet their summer- and year-long friends. Many of the current bondholders first arrived at the pool in strollers, learned to walk, learned to swim, went off to school and now bring their own children there. Today, nearly 100 children take swim lessons and compete in the Central Maryland Swim League Division V as members of the Hunting Hills swim team.

Madam Speaker, as the days get longer and warmer, it is nice to know that there are places where families and friends can gather to enjoy the summer as a community. I congratulate the Hunting Hills Swim Club on its 50th anniversary and wish all of its members the best in 2008.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER—SEATTLE, WA

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2008

Mr. REICHERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the life-saving and

ground-breaking medical care happening at the Seattle Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center every day. Continuing a tradition that has held for 16 years, Seattle Children's is once again ranked among the top 30 children's hospitals nationally in U.S. News & World Report's annual rankings.

Seattle Children's ranked fifth-best in the Nation for pediatric cancer care, eighth-best for general pediatrics, neurology and neurosurgery, and ninth-best for respiratory disorders. Children's also ranked 23rd in neonatal care and 30th for heart care and heart surgery.

Year in and year out, Seattle Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center provides life-saving care to the most vulnerable among us. The Pacific Northwest is fortunate to have such an exceptional institution in our region. I salute the medical professionals and support staffs who work tirelessly to give their extraordinary talents for the health and wellness of our children. Seattle Children's is a deserving recipient of this national recognition.

HONORING RETIRING EDUCATOR
LARRY MYHRA

HON. RON KIND

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2008

Mr. KIND. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding individual, and an excellent public servant: La Crosse educator, Larry Myhra.

The end of every school year brings the retirement of many terrific school leaders, teachers and staff members who provide a quality education for our children and replacing their professionalism and dedication is an annual challenge.

One such individual this year is Larry Myhra, who is retiring as principal of Lincoln Middle School after a distinguished 35-year career as principal, science teacher, and football coach in the La Crosse School District.

In 1973, Larry graduated from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and began his teaching career in the science department at old Logan High School. Throughout his 31 years at Logan High School, Larry served as the head football and track coach, assistant basketball coach, athletic director, activities director, dean of students, and associate principal. While serving as athletic director, Larry helped to broaden the program by adding various sports, including hockey and soccer, but later decided to become the activities director in order to better serve the entire student body. Larry was also an advocate for the creation of the La Crosse charter school, which helps students that are in danger of dropping out of school stay in school and graduate. This program has helped many students improve both their attendance and their grades.

When I was in high school, I had the pleasure of playing for Coach Myhra for 3 years at Logan. He instilled in his players and students a desire for dedication and determination both in and out of the classroom. I owe much of who I became in life to Coach Myhra and the educational system that was provided to me in La Crosse.

In 2004 Larry took up the position of principal at Lincoln Middle School, where he remained until now.

It has been said that great teachers and coaches enjoy a special immortality because their influence never stops radiating. That is certainly true for Larry Myhra. I wish him and our retiring educators a well-deserved and happy retirement.

HONOR FLIGHTS

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2008

Mr. FOSTER. Madam Speaker, I am submitting this statement to record my strong and enthusiastic support for veterans participating in the Honor Flight Chicago visit to the World War II memorial.

Today I recognize these men for their incalculable contributions to our society through their military service to the United States during World War II.

As part of a group brought together by the organization Honor Flight Chicago, I met with these heroes at the World War II Memorial to welcome them on their visit to Washington. Honor Flight Chicago honors World War II veterans by flying them to our Nation's capital so they can visit the World War II memorial for free.

The men who visited today are part of what's been called the greatest generation. They were a group of men who answered the call of duty when summoned, making great sacrifices to preserve the freedoms we all enjoy today. Because of their service and sacrifice, they exemplify what it means to be a hero.

I am proud to submit the names of these men for all to see, hear, and recognize.

Harold Schirmer, Howard Schoen, Gordon Smith, Norman C. Ohlendorf, Sam Polletta, Robert D. Swanson, Bernard J. Kramer, William G. Berry, Frank Loutly, Kenneth D. Loudy.

Michael J. Lasowski, Fernando Yori, Fred L. Alexander, Kenneth Ridgway, Myron Ridgwa, Leonard Tetrault, Wilbert Weigel, Raymond Vogen, Sylvester J. Beaupre, Leonard Feller.

Charles Wagner, Arthur P. Grotto, Daniel Green, William Crosby, Paul Sellers, Willard Swords, Vernon K. Hardt, Joseph Lach, Edward Lancioni, George Dinsmore, John F. Berns.

Theodore Tusinski, James W. Milligan, Robert W. Church, William R. Dreher, Steven A. Krempa, Walter J. Miller, Edward Sulma, Robert G. Terreberry, Lawrence E. Weaver, John P. Weinmeier.

Edward Tanaka, Charlie F. May, Robert W. Anderson, Robert L. Christensen, Robert Persinger, George S. Cassara, Giulio Filippi, Manuel G. Vasquez, Earl Morin, Earl Thayer.

William D. Coons, Robert Cave, William Mansfield, Anton Sikich, Maurice R. Koebele, Vernon H. Keller, Elmer Palmateer, James Sikich, Astor Carlson.

It was my honor to greet these heroes in person, and I thank them for their service.

SUPPORTING EXTENDING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS TO JOB-LESS WORKERS

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2008

Mr. STARK. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of assisting the millions of workers who have exhausted their Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits and are still struggling to find work in the wreckage of the Bush recession.

While cutting taxes for the very richest, the President has left workers to fend for themselves. Congress has a responsibility to mend our safety net and lessen the impact of unemployment. In my home State of California, over 180,000 workers have run out of UI benefits, with an additional 520,000 expected to join them over the next 10 months. Even our Republican Governor, Arnold Schwarzenegger, has called on Congress to extend benefits.

This legislation is simple. It will provide 13 additional weeks of UI to workers who are still unable to find employment after exhausting benefits. In States with high unemployment, an additional 13 weeks would be made available. All benefits will be paid out of the UI Trust Fund, which has \$35 billion in reserves. Extending UI benefits is also commonplace. During the last seven recessions—1958, 1961, 1972, 1975, 1982, 1991, and 2002—Congress has passed similar legislation. The circumstances for unemployed workers are actually more dire today than they were during the past two downturns. Long-term unemployment is twice as high (18.5 percent of those without jobs have been unemployed for six months or more) as it was when Congress extended benefits in 2002 and 1991.

The time to act is now. The economy has lost 324,000 jobs during the last 5 months. Gas and food prices are at or above record highs. Foreclosures continue to ravish communities across the country. Over 28 million Americans are receiving food stamps—an all-time high.

The Congressional Budget Office estimates that this bill will provide benefits to 3.8 million unemployed workers. I urge all of my colleagues to exercise common sense and compassion and provide much needed support to working families by voting "yes."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2008

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, on June 9, I was unable to vote on House Resolutions 1225, 1243, and 127. Had I been able, I would have voted in support of these resolutions.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE VILLAGE OF BEVERLY HILLS, MICHIGAN

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2008

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize the Village of Beverly Hills, in Oakland County, Michigan, which is celebrating its 50th Anniversary on June 14, 2008. The village's tree-lined streets and well-planned community live up to its reputation as a lovely place to live.

The Village of Beverly Hills can be traced back to 1830. A thirty-six square mile area from present day 8 Mile to 14 Mile Roads and from Greenfield to Inkster Roads was organized as Ossewa Township on July 12, 1830. Seventeen days later, Ossewa Township was renamed to Southfield Township. Throughout the 1800's and the early 1900's, the area was primarily farmland, with sawmills, gristmills, and cider mills dotting the landscape.

In the 1920's, a subdivision called Beverly Hills was developed on Birchwood and Kirkshire Streets, and was quickly populated through the 1950's. Beginning in 1953, Southfield Township slowly broke apart with the incorporation of Lathrup Village, Franklin, and Bingham Farms. When the City of Southfield was incorporated in 1957, the residents of what is now Beverly Hills felt the need for more home rule and local control. On September 23, 1957, the Village of Westwood was incorporated, and in March 1958, the village adopted the more popular name Beverly Hills.

Today Beverly Hills is the largest Home Rule Village in Michigan, with a statewide reputation as a leader in municipal management and fiscal stability. The Village also has the distinction of being one of the safest communities in Michigan, due in large part to the efforts of their Department of Public Safety, police and fire departments, and emergency medical services.

Madam Speaker, Beverly Hills is a forward thinking community aimed at improving the already sterling quality of life that their residents expect. I congratulate them on their 50th anniversary and wish the residents many more years of prosperity.

FATHER'S DAY RESOLUTION

SPEECH OF

HON. TODD TIAHRT

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 9, 2008

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my strong support to H. Res. 1243, which recognizes the importance of fathers in American society.

In 1965, while reporting to the Johnson administration on the problems of under-class America, Daniel Patrick Moynihan cut to the root of many of the problems we in Congress work so hard to address. His report stated that, "... A community that allows a large number of young men to grow up in broken families ... never acquiring any stable relationship to male authority, never acquiring any rational expectations about the future—that